

State of Vermont

Senate Chamber



Montpelier, Vermont

Senate Concurrent Resolution

By Senator Kitchel,

By Representative Toll of Danville,

S.C.R. 29. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Hastings Store on its centennial anniversary and Jane and Garey Larrabee on 40 years as the store's proprietors.

Whereas, near Joe's Pond in West Danville stands Hastings Store, and

Whereas, Jane Larrabee, and her husband Garey Larrabee, have served as the Hastings Store's proprietors since 1974, and

Whereas, in 1913, Jane Larrabee's paternal grandparents, Jennie and Gilbert Hastings, purchased the long-existing store on learning from Jennie's parents that it was for sale, and

Whereas, Jennie and Gilbert Hastings operated the Hastings Store while raising their family in the building's residential quarters, as did their son and daughter-in-law, Ralph and Mabel Hastings, and

Whereas, Jane Hastings graduated as an art education major from Skidmore College, and had no plans to devote her full-time career to the store, and

Whereas, her life's course was altered when U.S. Navy veteran Garey Larrabee walked into her life, and 1,050 days later they were married, and

Whereas, Garey Larrabee still jokes that their joint entrepreneurial adventure was the biggest mistake of their lives, and

Whereas, in the small post office located in the store, Ralph Hastings served as the West Danville postmaster, a job Garey Larrabee now performs, and

Whereas, the store's history has included sausage-making, and cutting and storing ice blocks from Joe's Pond, and

Whereas, despite their many responsibilities in the store and post office, the Larrabees are active community members, having assisted with the famous Joe's Pond Ice Out Contest, served on civic boards, cared for their church's property, and helped neighbors in need, and

Whereas, the Larrabee's commemorated Hastings Store's centennial with a special celebration on October 13, 2013, and

Whereas, including Jane Larrabee's great-grandparents, children, and grandchildren, six generations of the Hastings' family have been associated with this local landmark, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Hastings Store on its centennial anniversary and Jane and Garey Larrabee on 40 years as the store's proprietors, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Hastings Store.